

# Committee Discussion Items

- PROCEDURES FOR PRESENTATION OF PUBLIC COMMENTS, COMMITTEE DISCUSSIONS, AND COMMITTEE VOTES DURING MEETINGS
- ACC PETITION REGARDING NTP-CERHR

# OEHHA Presentations / Public Comments/Voting

- Discussion of possible changes to format of presentations
  - Present information for a given chemical on an endpoint by endpoint basis – when appropriate
  - Public comment on the evidence for/against each endpoint would be solicited
  - Committee members vote on each endpoint before proceeding to the discussion of the next
    - PRO: Allows members to assess the evidence for each endpoint separately
    - CON: May result in some redundancy

# Structure for Public Comments

- Open Meeting Act requires a public comment period for decision-making items but the Committee can place time limits on public comments.
- Other Boards at Cal/EPA place time limits on speakers (3 minutes is common).
  - Some publish limits in advance
- Similar rules with federal advisory committees.

# Public Comments Cont.

- Keeping related speakers together provides for more coherent presentations.
- Discussion questions:
  - Should speakers be allowed to “cede” their allotted time to others?
  - Should time limits for comments be set in advance or based on the number of requests to comment?

# Voting

- Current practice is a voice/showing of hands.
- FDA Advisory Committee recently adopted a ballot-voting procedure.
- Written ballot would be similar to the questions the Chair orally asks at the meetings.
- Votes are still publicly tallied – not a secret voting process.

QUESTIONS?

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# ACC PETITION REQUESTING RECONSIDERATION OF NTP-CERHR AS AN AUTHORITATIVE BODY

- NTP-CERHR designated as an authoritative body by a unanimous vote of the DART-IC in 2002.
- By regulation the committee may revoke or rescind the designation of an authority body if the committee no longer considers the body to have expertise in identifying chemical as causing reproductive toxicity.

# Committee Discussion

- The Committee Chair and OEHHA are seeking advice as to whether the ACC Petition should be placed on the agenda of a future DAR-IC meeting
- Merits of the ACC's request will not be discussed at today's meeting



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